

WHITBECK REACHES PEAK OF FAVORITE SMOTHERS OPPONENT

I. B. Cohen, New York Park Tennis Champion, Is Outplayed, 6-0, 6-2.

4 ENTRANTS UNBEATEN

Charles M. Wood, Jr., Horace Orser and Ernest Kuhn Advance With Whitbeck.

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If John F. Whitbeck of Loomis Institute can maintain the form he showed yesterday in advancing to the semi-final round of the junior national indoor tennis championship the title is his. From every angle his showing against Isidore B. Cohen, the local junior park champion, topped that of any of the other youths who advanced with him to the semi-finals on the Seventh Regiment Armory courts. He had speed, his strategy was exceptional for a junior and he controlled his severe service and deep ground strokes almost faultlessly. Cohen, who was expected to offer plenty of resistance, went down to a 6-0, 6-2 defeat.

From first to last Whitbeck held the aggressive, driving forehand and as deep as safety would permit, Cohen was kept so busy hopping around for the swiftly propelled ball that he seldom had an opportunity to quit the defensive. His accurate placing had enabled him to come through the earlier rounds rather impressively, but against the type of game that Whitbeck launched, Cohen's control availed him little. His strokes were not severe enough to cope with the hard hitting of his opponent and his game was fairly smothered. On occasions he tried to get to the net to volley, but Whitbeck passed him neatly and the park champion decided before long that the forward court position was too dangerous. So he stayed in a back court duel in which Whitbeck's superior speed of stroke gave him a wide margin.

Dim Light Aids Speed.

Gray storm clouds permitted only a dim light to trickle through into the armory all day and conditions put a premium on speed. Even with the aid of artificial light it was difficult to follow the flight of a sharply driven ball. As a result, Cohen's strategy was doubly effective.

Lake Whitbeck, Horace Orser, Charles M. Wood, Jr., and Ernest H. Kuhn took their fourth round matches in straight sets, but, unlike the favorite, Orser was extended all the way. Orser, who represents George Washington High School, disposed of C. E. Schuster of Horace Mann at 6-7, 6-2. Wood had to bring his full bag of tricks into play to beat Russell Phillips, 6-3, 6-4. The Staten Island schoolboy champion, and Kuhn found a worthy opponent in Edward Conlin, Jr., who won three games in the first set and four in the second, but was Whitbeck's victim in the third set at 6-4 mainly through his harder hitting.

Malcolm Hill of Boston, having grown accustomed to the bound of the ball on a board floor, is showing marked improvement over his form in the first two rounds and any of the rest. He meets Gayness in one of the semi-finals this morning, while Whitbeck plays Millen.

In Doubles Semi-finals.

Every one of the survivors in junior singles remains unbeaten in doubles. Whitbeck and Wood reached the semi-final round at the expense of Russell Phillips and J. H. Tierman, Jr., whom they outplayed. Whitbeck and Wood, a similar advance, and so did the East Orange team of Kenneth P. Appel, Jr., and John Van Ryn, who beat the Boston brothers, Malcolm and Edward Conlin, Jr., 6-3, 6-2. Whitbeck and Wood are to meet Louis H. Rouillon and Donald Straum this morning to decide the fourth semi-finalists. The summaries:

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

FOURTH ROUND—John F. Whitbeck defeated Isidore B. Cohen, 6-0, 6-2. Horace Orser defeated C. E. Schuster, 6-7, 6-2. Charles M. Wood, Jr., defeated Russell Phillips, 6-3, 6-4. Ernest H. Kuhn defeated Edward Conlin, Jr., 6-3, 6-4.

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

FOURTH ROUND—Ernest H. Kuhn and William J. Miller defeated J. H. Tierman, Jr. and J. S. Millen, 6-3, 6-2. Kenneth P. Appel, Jr., and John Van Ryn defeated Malcolm Hill and Edward Conlin, Jr., 6-3, 6-2.

JUNIOR DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

THIRD ROUND—Ernest H. Kuhn and William J. Miller defeated J. H. Tierman, Jr. and J. S. Millen, 6-3, 6-2. Kenneth P. Appel, Jr., and John Van Ryn defeated Malcolm Hill and Edward Conlin, Jr., 6-3, 6-2.

Y. M. H. A. Pool Tournament.

The clubs of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, at Ninety-second street and Lexington avenue, are conducting a pool tournament in the billiard room of the organization. The contest is keen, an appropriate prize will be awarded the winners. The following is the standing of the clubs to date:

W. L. Breeze and P. Dean, 6-2, 6-1.
Louis H. Rouillon and Donald Strain defeated Selwyn Orcutt and E. L. Sinselman 6-1, 10-8.
FOURTH ROUND—Ernest Kahn and W. T. Morris defeated R. Raymond and C. E. Lacy 6-2, 6-0.
Kenneth P. Appel, Jr., and John Van Ryn defeated Donald M. Hill and Malcolm T. Hill, Jr., 10-12, 6-4, 6-2.
John F. Whitbeck and Charles M. Wood, Jr., defeated Russell Phillips and J. H. Tiernan, Jr., 6-2, 6-2.